

29 February 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - Office of General Counsel
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2. The Chairman, NSRB, has requested the DCI to furnish information regarding enemy capabilities [redacted]

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[redacted] The DCI has designated DD/I to coordinate this matter, and with DCI's approval, appropriately concurred in by Col. Hansen and General Counsel, Legislative Counsel has been designated as the CIA representative in this matter. He has attended two meetings of the Committee and has prepared a detailed memorandum of the first meeting which has been given to DD/Administration.

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3. Mr. Fred Belen, of the staff of the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee, called to inquire whether CIA wished to testify in connection with legislation presently pending before the Committee to recognize organizations of Federal employees (H. R. 554 and 571). Legislative Counsel discussed the matter with Mr. Winslow, Assistant Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, who stated that Chairman Ramspeck of the Commission was including in his statement a request that CIA be exempted from such legislation. Mr. Winslow felt that it would not be necessary for CIA to appear. With the concurrence of DD/A, Legislative Counsel has informed the Committee that CIA prefers not to testify, but will stand on its letter to the Committee of 13 September 1951 and such appropriate comments as the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission will make in regard to an exemption from this legislation for CIA. (In accordance with DD/A's instructions, Legislative Counsel is requesting Col. Baird to talk with the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission regarding this matter.

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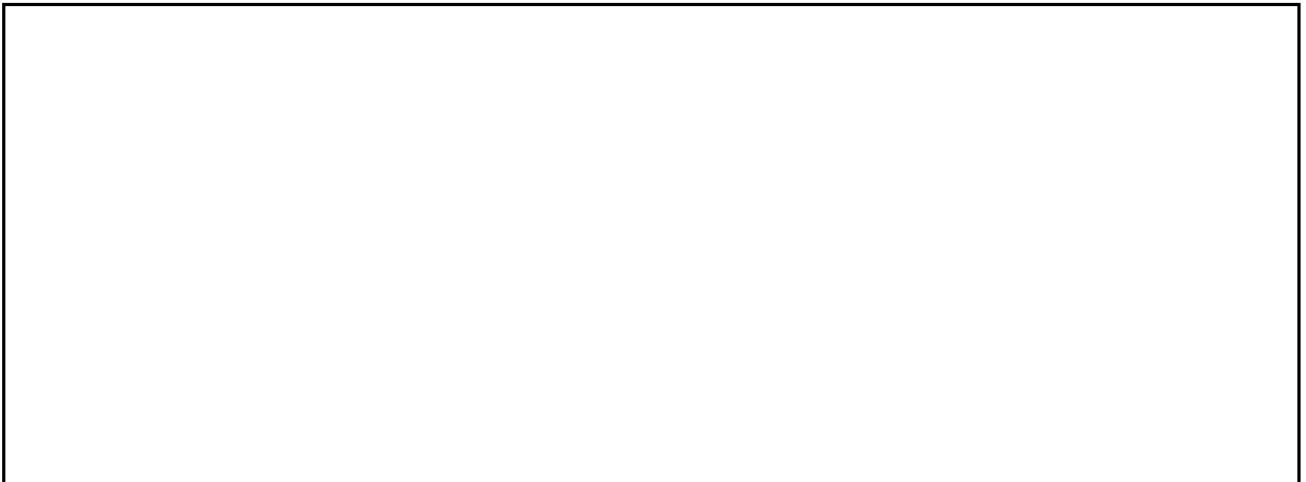
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6. Mr. Bagnall, Chief of FDD, informed me that he had received a call from a Mr. Tilton, of IAD in the State Department. Mr. Tilton requested that CIA prepare a round-up of foreign press reaction to Senator McCarthy as the Department had received a request for such material from the Benton Subcommittee investigating McCarthy. Mr. [REDACTED] DAD/DO and Legislative Counsel discussed the matter with DD/I, and after consultation with D/DCI, Mr. Becker called Park Armstrong, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence, and informed Mr. Armstrong that State should seek to satisfy this request from its own resources and not involve CIA in the dispute.

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